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Claims

1 1. A method of reducing mammalian androgen-
2 stimulated hair growth, which comprises
3 selecting an area of skin from which hair grows in
4 response to androgen-stimulation from which reduced hair
5 growth is desired; and
6 applying to said area of skin a dermatologically
7 acceptable composition comprising a compound that induces or
8 activates a UDP-glucuronosyltransferase or a
9 sulfotransferase, wherein the compound is present in the
10 composition in an amount effective to reduce hair growth.

1 2. A method of increasing mammalian hair growth,
2 which comprises
3 selecting an area of skin from which hair grows that
4 does not grow in response to androgens from which increased
5 hair growth is desired; and
6 applying to said area of skin a dermatologically
7 accepted composition comprising a compound that induces or
8 activates a UDP-glucuronosyltransferase or a
9 sulfotransferase, wherein the compound is present in the
10 composition in an amount effective to increase hair growth.

1 3. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said
2 compound comprises ethoxyquin.

B 1 4. The method of claim 1-~~or 2~~, wherein said
2 compound comprises 5,7-dihydroxy-4'-methoxyflavone.

1 5. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said
2 compound comprises butylhydroxyanisole.

1 6. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said
2 compound comprises phenobarbital.

1 7. The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said
2 compound comprises naringenin.

1 8. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said
2 compound comprises butylhydroxytoluene.

1 9. The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said
2 compound comprises flavone.

1 10. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said
2 compound comprises tioconazole.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound
2 comprises trans-1,2-bis(2-pyridyl)ethylene.

1 12. The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said
2 compound comprises 7,4'-isoflavandiol.

1 13. The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said
2 compound comprises galangin.

1 14. The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said
2 compound comprises 7-hydroxy-4'-methoxyisoflavone.

1 15. The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said
2 compound comprises 5,4'-dihydroxy-7-methoxyisoflavone.

1 16. The method of claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said
2 compound comprises daidzein.

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1 17. The method of claim 1, wherein said compound
2 induces or activates a UDP-glucuronosyltransferases.

1 18. The method of claim 2, wherein said compound
2 induces or activates a sulfotransferase.

1 19. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said
2 androgen comprises testosterone.

1 20. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the
2 concentration of said compound in said composition is
3 between 0.1% and 30%.

1 21. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the
2 composition provides a reduction in hair growth of at least
3 15% when tested in the Golden Syrian hamster assay.

1 22. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein the
2 composition provides a reduction in hair growth of at least
3 40% when tested in the Golden Syrian hamster assay.

1 23. The method of claim 1 or 2, wherein said mammal
2 is a human.

1 24. The method of claim 1, wherein the area of skin
2 is on the face of the human.

1 25. The method of claim 24, wherein said human is a
2 woman suffering from hirsutism.

1 26. The method of claim 2, wherein the area of skin
2 is on the scalp of a human.

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1 27. A method of reducing mammalian androgen-
2 stimulated hair growth, which comprises
3 selecting an area of skin from which hair grows in
4 response to androgen-stimulation from which reduced hair
5 growth is desired; and
6 applying to said area of skin a dermatologically
7 acceptable composition comprising a compound that induces or
8 activates the conjugation of an androgen that stimulates
9 androgen-stimulated hair growth to produce a conjugate of
10 the androgen, wherein the compound is present in the
11 composition in an amount effective to reduce the hair
12 growth.

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1 28. The method of claim 27, wherein the area of
2 skin is on the face of a human.

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1 29. A method of increasing mammalian hair growth,
2 which comprises
3 selecting an area of skin from which hair does not
4 grow in response to androgens from which increased hair
5 growth is desired; and
6 applying to said area of skin, a dermatologically
7 acceptable composition comprising a compound that induces or
8 activates the conjugation of an androgen that retards hair
9 growth to produce a conjugate of the androgen, wherein the
10 compound is present in the composition in an amount
11 effective to increase the hair growth.

1 30. The method of claim 29, wherein the area of
2 skin includes the scalp of a human.

1 31. The method of claim 27 or 29, wherein the
2 compound is an inducer or activator of an androgen
3 conjugation enzyme.

1 32. The method ^{of} ~~to~~ claim 31, wherein the androgen
2 comprises a testosterone.

1 33. The method of claim 31, wherein the androgen
2 comprises dihydrotestosterone.

1 34. The method of claim 31, wherein the androgen
2 comprises an androgen selected from the group consisting of
3 androstenedione, androstanediols, and
4 dehydroepiandrosterone.

1 35. A method of reducing mammalian androgen-
2 stimulated hair growth, which comprises
3 selecting an area of skin from which hair grows in
4 response to androgen-stimulation from which reduced hair
5 growth is desired; and
6 applying to said area of skin a dermatologically
7 acceptable composition comprising a compound that induces or
8 activates the conversion of testosterone to a less active
9 metabolite, wherein the compound is present in the
10 composition in an amount effective to reduce the hair growth
11 from the area of skin.

1 36. The method of claim 35, wherein the area of
2 skin is on the face of a human.

1 37. The method of claim 35, wherein the less active
2 metabolite comprises a compound that is more water soluble
3 than testosterone.

1 38. A method of increasing hair growth from the
2 scalp of a human, which comprises
3 selecting an area of the scalp of a human from which
4 increase hair growth is desired; and
5 applying to the area of the scalp a dermatologically
6 acceptable composition comprising a compound that induces or
7 activates the conversion of testosterone to a less active
8 metabolite, wherein the compound is present in the
9 composition in an amount effective to increase hair growth
10 from the area of the scalp.

1 39. The method of claim 38, wherein the less active
2 metabolite comprises a compound that is more water soluble
3 than testosterone.